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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Ellen E. Kim

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER
LENGTH IN BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

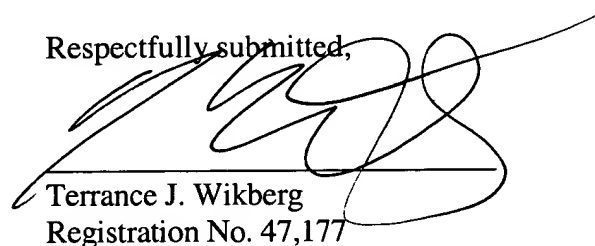
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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